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A-ACHOO! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, BILKO! IT'S LIKE SOME STRANGE FORCE IS MAKING ME SNEEZE!
THE COLONEL NEEDS A LONG TRIP IN THE TROPIC SUN! AND DON'T WORRY, SIR, I'LL TAKE CARE OF ALL THE RAFFLES AND GAMES--ER--RIFLES AND WAR GAMES, WHILE YOU'RE GONE!
PEPPER
DO IT YOURSELF VOODOO

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SGT. BILKO

IT'S NO USE TALKING, BILKO! YOUR DANCE TO PROMOTE FRIENDLIER RELATIONS BETWEEN ENLISTED MEN AND WACS IS OUT! THIS IS AN ARMY POST! NOT A SOCIAL CLUB!
BUT, SIR-- THE TICKETS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRINTED. THE BOYS ARE DEPENDING ON IT, SIR!

WELL, THE PENTAGON IS DEPENDING ON ME, TOO, BILKO--TO RUN AN ARMY POST, NOT TO HELP YOU GET RICH RUNNING DANCES!
GET RICH, SIR? THE COLONEL IS JESTING! AND MAY I REMIND YOU, SIR, IN VIEW OF THE PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE DANCE, THE PROMISES I'VE MADE--IT'S A QUESTION OF LOSING FACE WITH MY MEN, SIR!

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HOW'D YOU DO, ERNIE?
YEAH, SARGE-- ANY LUCK?
WHAT'D HE SAY, SARGE?
NO DICE, FELLOWS. THE OLD MAN IS PLAYING FOOTSIES WITH THE PENTAGON. HE WANTS US TO REMEMBER WE'RE SOLDIERS, NOT RED-BLOODED AMERICAN BOYS WILLING TO BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN OURSELVES AND OUR WARRIOR SISTERS! THE DANCE IS OUT!
OUT? BUT, ERNIE-- WHAT ABOUT THE ADVANCE TICKET SALE?
HUH? YEAH--WELL, TOO BAD. THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES.
GEE, ERNIE, I'LL BET IT'LL BE ROUGH HAVING TO GIVE ALL THAT MONEY BACK, HUH?
YOU KIDDING? THAT DOUGH WENT IN THE 5TH RACE YESTERDAY. I HAD A SURE WINNER, TOO--BEFORE THEY STARTED RUNNING.
THAT'S A TOUGH BREAK, SARGE. WHAT'CHA GONNA DO NOW?
ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO--
WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO CASES LIKE THIS, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO--SEE WHO'S RUNNING THE POST--ME OR THE COLONEL!
WE'LL HAVE TO UNLOAD HIM, THAT'S ALL.

WAIT A MINUTE, ERNIE--I LIKE DANCES AS WELL AS YOU, BUT IT ISN'T WORTH IT,' KIDNAPING COLONELS IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE.'
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT KIDNAPING, ROCCO?
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GET HIM OFF THE POST, THAT'S ALL. SHOULDN'T BE TOO DIFFICULT. HE CAN BE REPLACED, YOU KNOW.'
ERNIE, YOU NUTS OR SOMETHIN'? HOW YOU GONNA SHIP THE COLONEL OUT?
HOW? DON'T WORRY, I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.' I'VE TAKEN PLENTY FROM HIM, BUT THIS TIME HE'S GONE TOO FAR.'
YOU'RE FOOLIN' WITH DYNAMITE. ERNIE. HE'S TOO BIG FOR YOU! YOU CAN'T PUSH A COLONEL AROUND LIKE YOU OWN HIM!
EVERY ACHILLES HAS HIS HEEL, DON'T FORGET THAT! THE OLD MAN'S GOT HIS WEAKNESS, TOO! ALL WE GOTTA DO IS FIND OUT WHAT IT IS--AND WORK ON IT.'
THIS COULD WIND UP WITH YOU GOIN' TO WORK ON A ROCKPILE TOO, Y'KNOW.'
DOBERMAN, WHAT'S THIS?! BAD ENOUGH WE CAN'T HOLD A DANCE WITH REAL GIRLS, DOES THIS MEAN WE HAVE TO PLAY WITH DOLLS?
OH, THAT AIN'T A REGULAR DOLL, SARGE. IT'S A VOODOO DOLL!
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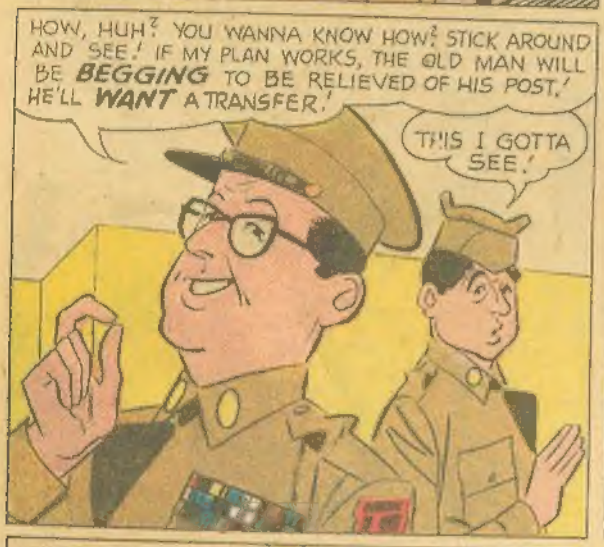
VOODOO? DOBERMAN, DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE BEEN READING A BOOK AGAIN! DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S BAD FOR YOUR MIND?
JUST THIS ONE, SARGE! IT'S CALLED "VOODOO--DE-O-DO", OR "THAT OLD BLACK MAGIC"-- IT'S ALL ABOUT WITCHCRAFT!
NOW TAKE THIS DOLL, FOR INSTANCE. WHEN A NATIVE WANTS TO GET RID OF SOMEBODY, HE MAKES A DOLL THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE THAT PERSON, AND STICKS PINS IN IT.
THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW, DOBERMAN.
I'LL REMEMBER THAT NEXT TIME I BUY A SHIRT. I ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT TO DO WITH THE PINS.
JUST THE PINS AIN'T ENOUGH, SARGE. YOU NEED THE VOODOO DOLL, TOO.
VOODOO DOLL?
SURE, SARGE--LIKE THIS ONE. EVERY TIME YOU PUT A PIN IN IT, YOUR ENEMY FEELS IT.
BUT WHAT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO PLAY WITH PINS? DOES YOUR BOOK TELL YOU ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN DO?
OH SURE, SARGE. IT TELLS YOU HOW TO GET HIM WORRIED, AND ALL THAT.
WORRY HIM! THAT'S IT! DOBERMAN, YOU'VE SAVED MY LIFE!
GEE, SARGE, YOU MEAN SOMEBODY HAS BEEN STICKING PINS IN YOU?

GIMME THAT BOOK, DOBERMAN. I WANNA FIND OUT HOW FAR I CAN GO WITHOUT USING PINS!
OH, YOU DON'T EVEN NEED PINS, SARGE, IF YOUR ENEMY IS SUPERSTITIOUS!
HEAR THAT, ROCCO! THAT'S THE ANSWER! WE GET RID OF THE OLD MAN BY WORKING ON HIS SUPERSTITIONS!
GEE, SARGE, THAT'S SWELL!
ONLY WHAT IF HE AIN'T GOT ANY? THEN WHAT?
THEN WE'LL GIVE HIM SOME. NOW LET ME THINK...
HEY, YOU GUYS ALL KNOW THE COLONEL PRETTY WELL BY NOW. ANYBODY HERE SEE HIM DO ANYTHING PECULIAR,.. YOU KNOW, LIKE HE'S GOT A PET SUPERSTITION?
LIKE WHAT, SARGE? THE OLD MAN IS ALWAYS DOING SOMETHING PECULIAR!
THAT'S WHAT WE'VE GOTTA FIND OUT! I WANT A DETAIL-- FENDER, PAPARELLI, DOBERMAN-- I WANT YOU TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE OLD MAN, WATCH HIM AT THE OFFICE, AND ON THE WAY HOME. CHECK FOR SKIPPING OVER LINES, TOUCHING FENCES, PICKING UP PINS, DUCKING LADDERS-- THAT SORT OF THING... AND REPORT BACK! ON THE DOUBLE NOW-- HI-YA-HUT! WE'RE GONNA RUN THAT DANCE YET!

I DON'T GET IT, SARGE. SUPPOSE THE OLD MAN DOES HAVE A SUPERSTITION, WHAT GOOD'S THAT TO YOU?
VERY SIMPLE, BARBELLA. IT'S JUST PART OF A PLAN. TACTICS, THAT'S ALL. THIS IS WAR, ISN'T IT?

A SUPERSTITION IS LIKE A WEAKNESS. ONCE WE FIND OUT WHAT THE COLONEL'S IS, WE GOT SOMETHING TO WORK ON.
OKAY, SO YOU WORK ON HIS SUPERSTITION. HOW'S THAT GONNA GET HIM OFF THE POST?


HOW, HUH? YOU WANNA KNOW HOW? STICK AROUND AND SEE! IF MY PLAN WORKS, THE OLD MAN WILL BE BEGGING TO BE RELIEVED OF HIS POST. HE'LL WANT A TRANSFER.
THIS I GOTTA SEE.

SARGE, I GOT IT. I GOT IT.
THERE! YOU SEE? RESULTS ALREADY.
?

OKAY, CALM DOWN. NOW TELL ME. WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?
HE'S GOT ONE, SARGE. JUST LIKE YOU SAID. I WATCHED HIM IN HIS OFFICE. I MADE BELIEVE I WAS WASHIN' THE WINDOWS.

ALL RIGHT ALREADY. GIVE. GIVE. WHAT WAS IT?
HIS MIRROR, SARGE, THE ONE ON THE WALL. HE KEEPS LOOKING AT IT.

WHAT? YOU CALL THAT A SUPERSTITION? EVERYBODY LOOKS IN THE MIRROR! EVEN I DO!
HOLDING A STAR OVER YOUR COLONEL'S INSIGNIA? LIKE THIS?
A WHAT? A STAR?
THAT'S WHAT HE DID, SARGE. HE PUT THE STAR ON, THEN PUFFED OUT HIS CHEST, THEN TURNED SIDEWAYS TO THE MIRROR. I DON'T GET IT.
OF COURSE! THE STAR! SIMPLE! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT! HE'S JUST TRYING TO SEE HOW HE'D LOOK IF HE WERE EVER MADE A GENERAL!
SAY, SARGE, I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, HE DID LOOK KINDA LIKE HE WAS ADMIRING HIMSELF! HA, HA!
OKAY, SO NOW YOU KNOW. IT'S A MIRROR AND IT'S A STAR! SO WHAT?
SO IT PROVES HOW MUCH HE WANTS THAT STAR! NOW ALL WE GOTTA DO IS MAKE HIM AFRAID HE WON'T GET IT!
AND SO...
I STILL DON'T GET IT, SARGE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. JUST DO LIKE I TOLD YOU -- AND MAKE SURE THAT LADDER IS READY WHEN I GIVE YOU THE SIGNAL!
HERE HE COMES NOW, ERNIE!
RIGHT ON THE DOT. REMEMBER, I WANT THE AREA CLEARED!
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AH! GOOD EVENING, COLONEL! FINISHED FOR THE DAY?
YES, BILKO. IF YOU'VE COME TO SEE ME ABOUT THAT DANCE--
DANCE, SIR? WHAT DANCE WAS THAT, SIR?
WHAT DANCE? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALREADY? YOU ONLY SPOKE TO ME ABOUT IT THIS MORNING!
THIS MORNING? ARE YOU CERTAIN, SIR? I THOUGHT IT WAS LAST WEEK!
OF COURSE IT WAS THIS MORNING!
OF COURSE, SIR, IF YOU SAY SO, I GUESS I'M GETTING A LITTLE ABSENT MINDED, HA-HA!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, BILKO. IT SEEMED PRETTY IMPORTANT TO YOU A FEW HOURS AGO!
ZIP!
?
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT, BILKO?
OF COURSE, SIR. WHY DO YOU ASK?

SERGEANT BILKO

I THOUGHT I SAW YOU SALUTING A MOMENT AGO.'
OF COURSE, SIR. I WOULDN'T DREAM OF PASSING MAJOR HAWTHORNE WITHOUT SALUTING, SIR.'
MAJOR HAWTHORNE? I DIDN'T SEE ANYBODY.'
THAT'S FUNNY. HE SALUTED YOU.'
WHAT? BUT THAT'S IMPOSS BLE, BILKO. I WOULD'VE SEEN HIM.'
HA-HA! YOU DO HAVE A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR ABOUT YOU, SIR. A GREAT KIDDER.' YOU MUST KEEP MRS. HALL IN STITCHES, SIR.'
WHAT? AGAIN?
HA-HA-- DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T SEE HIM TH S TIME, S R.' HA HA.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, BILKO?
OF COURSE, SIR. EXCUSE ME, SIR. BUT A JOKE IS A JOKE, SIR-- BUT DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD RETURN HIS SALUTE? HE'S WAITING.'
MY WORD,' WHO IS IT THIS TIME, BILKO?
MAJOR HAWTHORNE AGAIN, SIR, HE'S JUST GETTING INTO HIS JEEP.'

OKAY, REV' IT UP
I--I HEAR THE JEEP, BILKO, BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING.'
HA-HA! WHAT A JESTER! EVERYONE KNOWS YOU HAVE THE EYES OF AN EAGLE, SIR.' IT'S A LEGEND ABOUT THE POST WITH THE MEN.'
RRR
RRRRRRRRR

WELL, LEGEND OR NOT - I TELL YOU I NEVER SAW EITHER MAJOR HAWTHORNE OR THE JEEP.' I DON'T UNDERSTAND--
YOU DON'T, SIR?

IN THAT CASE, IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, SIR, I'M SURE YOU WON'T MIND IF I WALK WITH YOU THE REST OF THE WAY TILL YOU'RE SAFELY HOME.'
WHAT? WHY, WHATEVER FOR, BILKO?

WELL, SIR-- IT'S NOT FOR ME TO SAY, SIR-- BUT PERHAPS THE COLONEL HAS BEEN WORKING TOO HARD, SIR?
WHAT IF I HAVE, BILKO? WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH IT?

AND SIR, EXCUSE ME FOR SAYING THIS SIR, BUT IF I WERE YOU, SIR, I WOULD WALK AROUND THAT LADDER SIR. YOU MIGHT TRIP.'
LADDER? WHAT LADDER? BILKO ARE YOU MAD? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING.'
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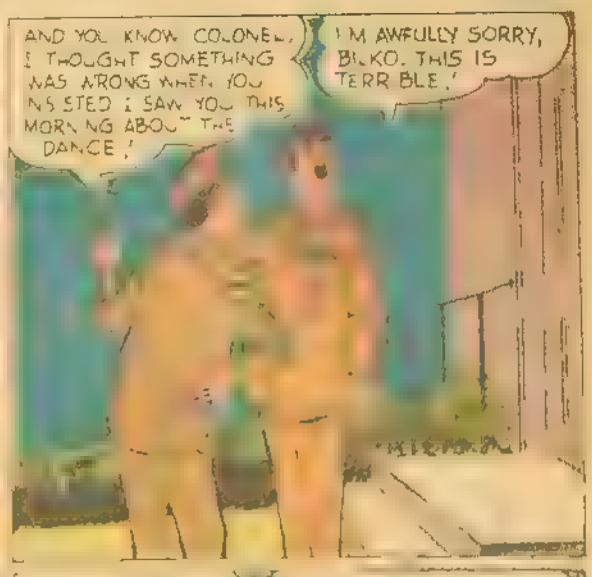
SERGEANT BILKO

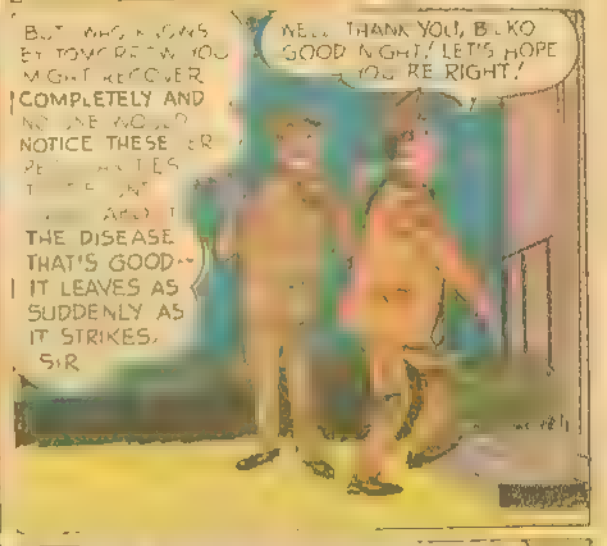
FUNNY, I WAS READING OF A CASE LIKE THIS THE OTHER DAY. AND THOUGHT IT WOULD STRIKE SO CLOSE TO HOME! WHAT A PITY!
WHAT CASE? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, BILKO?
OMENS RAPIDANS, THEY CALL IT, COMPLETE BLACKOUT. VISUAL DISORDERS...
OMENS RAPIDANS? ARE YOU SURE?
WE CAN FIND OUT IN A MOMENT, SIR. JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES AND COUNT TO TEN, AS A FAVOR TO ME, SIR.
WHAT? OH, VERY WELL, BILKO. BUT IT'S SO...
ONE · TWO · THREE · FOUR--
PSST
NOW, AT THE COUNT OF TEN KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED-- THEN REACH OUT AND TELL ME WHAT YOU FEEL.
...EIGHT--NINE--TEN! GOOD HEAVENS, BILKO! YOU WERE RIGHT! IT *IS* A LADDER!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THIS LADDER WAS HERE ALL THE TIME!
PLEASE, SIR. IT'S NOTHING REALLY. I'M CERTAIN IF YOU DO HAVE OMENS RAPIDANS, YOU HAVE JUST A MILD CASE
THEN THAT MUST HAVE BEEN MAJOR HAWTHORNE--AND I NEVER SAW HIM!
IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, SIR. I DARESAY HE DIDN'T LOOK ANY DIFFERENT THAN USUAL,
COME ON, SIR. I'LL SEE YOU HOME. YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
JEEP!
NORKING AT A RATHER FAST CLIP-- BUT I NEVER DREAMED--
THAT'S ALWAYS THE START OF IT, S.R. AND IT'S SUCH A SHAME THAT IT'S ALWAYS THE STRONG WHO HAVE THE NERVOUS BREAK-
THAT'S IT. GIVE ME YOUR HAND COLONEL.
NERVOUS BREAKDOWN? IS THAT WHAT THAT OMEN WHATEVER IT WAS YOU SAID, WAS?
WHAT? ARE YOU SURE, BILKO

GOOD NIGHT, SIR AND REMEMBER, S R - DON T WORRY, MY L PS ARE SEALED
OH, THANK YOU BILKO YES, I GUESS IT WOULDN T DO FOR WORD OF THIS TO GET AROUND


AND YOU KNOW COLONEL, I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS WRONG WHEN YOU INSISTED I SAW YOU THIS MORNING ABOUT THE DANCE!
I'M AWFULLY SORRY, BILKO. THIS IS TERRIBLE.

IT'S ALL RIGHT SIR! NO MATTER WHOM THEY SEND TO REPLACE YOU, SIR, TO US AT FORT BAXTER YOU, SIR, WILL ALWAYS BE OUR COMMANDING OFFICER
WHAT'S REPLACE?


BUT WHO KNOWS BY TOMORROW YOU MIGHT RECOVER COMPLETELY AND NOT EVEN NOTICE THESE SLIGHT PECULARITIES THAT'S ABOUT THE DISEASE THAT'S GOOD-- IT LEAVES AS SUDDENLY AS IT STRIKES, SIR
WELL THANK YOU, BILKO GOOD NIGHT! LET'S HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT!

S THAT YOU, JOHN?
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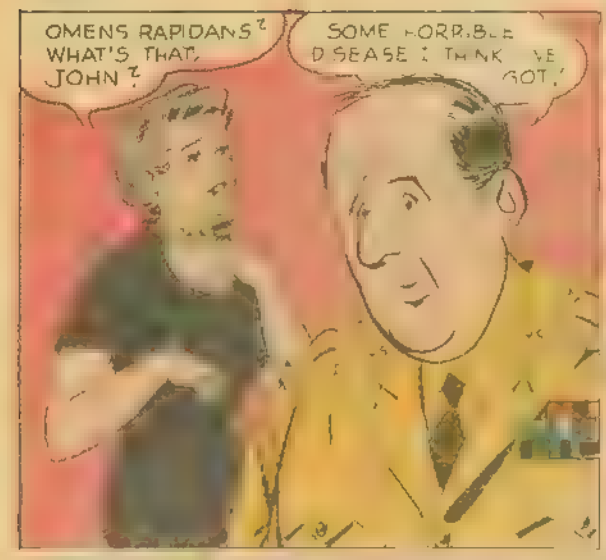
DON'T TOUCH ME, NELL--I'VE GOT OMENS RAPIDANS!
WHAT?

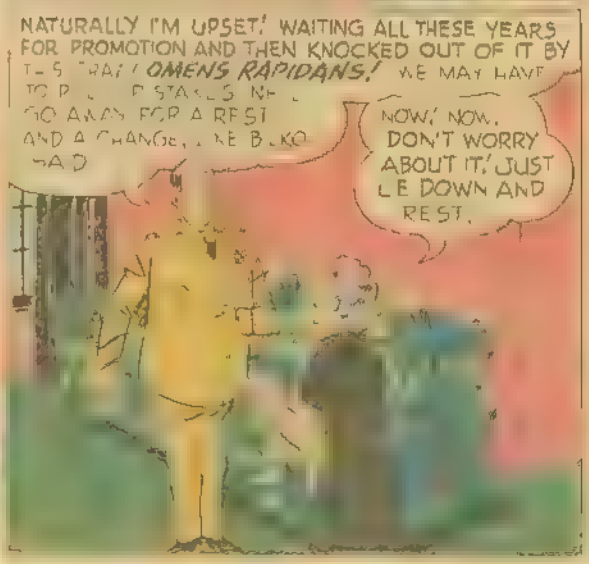

OMENS RAPIDANS? WHAT'S THAT, JOHN?
SOME HORRIBLE DISEASE I THINK WE GOT.'

A-AT? NONSENSE JOHN YOU LOOK PERFECTLY ALRIGHT TO ME.'
I DO? THANK GOODNESS FOR THAT! BUT THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS. IT AFFECTS YOUR VISION AND

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT IF I TOLD YOU MAJOR HAWTHORNE STEPPED INTO A JEEP RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME AND I DIDN'T SEE HIM?
BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS, JOHN. YOUR EYESIGHT HAS ALWAYS BEEN PERFECT.'

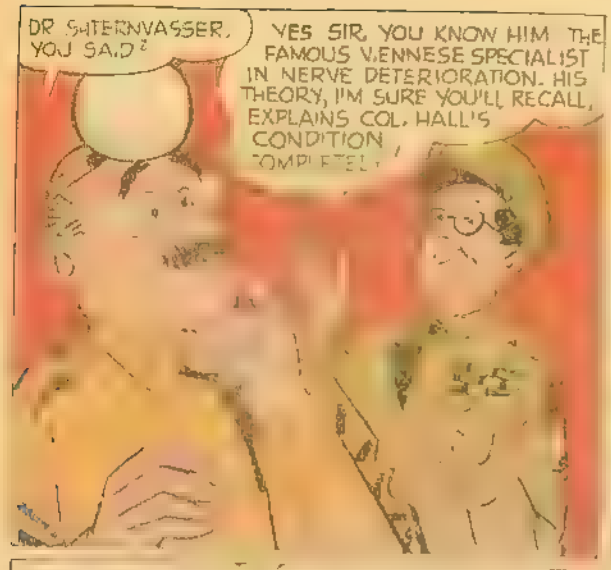
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.' BUT IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR BILKO, I'D HAVE TRIPPED OVER A LADDER
JOHN, THAT'S TERRIBLE.' PERHAPS YOU SHOULD CHECK WITH MAJOR HAWTHORNE. HE'S A FINE DOCTOR.'

I'M AFRAID TO, NELL. IF THIS GETS OUT, I MAY HAVE TO BE REPLACED.'
WHAT WOULD THE PENTAGON THINK OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF A FIELD WHO TRIPS OVER LADDERS
I'M SURE IT WILL BE


NATURALLY I'M UPSET! WAITING ALL THESE YEARS FOR PROMOTION AND THEN KNOCKED OUT OF IT BY THIS CRAZY OMENS RAPIDANS! WE MAY HAVE TO PUT BILKO IN THE STATES FOR A REST AND A CHANGE, LIKE BILKO HAD
NOW, NOW, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. JUST LIE DOWN AND REST.

NEXT DAY...
I UNDERSTAND YOU WANT TO SEE ME, SGT. BILKO?
ER-YES, MAJOR HAWTHORNE. IT'S A RATHER DELICATE MATTER SIR
GO RIGHT AHEAD, BILKO. YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ABOUT YOURSELF- AFTER ALL, I AM A DOCTOR!
OH, IT'S NOT ABOUT ME, SIR. IT'S ABOUT THE COLONEL.
THE COLONEL? YOU MEAN COL. HALL? WHAT'S WRONG?
WELL, LATELY SIR, I HATE TO SAY THIS-- BUT HE'S HAVING LAPSES OF VISION AND MEMORY-- THINGS LIKE THAT, SIR.
TRIPS OVER THINGS LIKE LADDERS--GETS REPORTS OF ONE DAY MIXED UP WITH ANOTHER--TYPICAL SYMPTOMS OF--WELL, AFTER ALL, SIR, WITH YOUR MEDICAL BACKGROUND, SIR, IT WOULD BE PRESUMPTUOUS OF ME TO TELL YOU SIR, I WOULDN'T IT?
WELL AH-ER... HMM--YES, BILKO. THAT IS-- CERTAINLY. HEH-HEH. TYPICAL SYMPTOMS, EH?
BUT WHY DOESN'T HE COME TO SEE ME?
WHY? YOU KNOW THE MAN, SIR--PROUD WITH THAT EAGLE BEARING OF HIS. PROUD TO BE A COMMANDING OFFICER, KNOWING HOW WE ALL DEPEND ON HIM -- HIS DECISIONS. HE KNOWS YOU WOULD DETECT THE SYMPTOMS IMMEDIATELY, SIR.
HE KNOWS THAT WITH YOUR REPUTATION AND WIDE BACKGROUND IN MEDICAL RESEARCH, YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE INSTANTLY DR. SHTERNVASSER'S SYNDROME, OMENS RAPIDANS. HE KNOWS THE ONLY THING YOU COULD DO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IS RECOMMEND A CHANGE OF DUTY AT ONCE TO SAVE HIM-- A REST CURE AT SOME QUIET, PEACEFUL PLACE
ER--AH--ER YES, BILKO. OF COURSE, OF COURSE.

SERGEANT BILKO


DR SHTERNVASSER, YOU SAID?
YES SIR, YOU KNOW HIM THE FAMOUS VIENNESE SPECIALIST IN NERVE DETERIORATION. HIS THEORY, I'M SURE YOU'LL RECALL, EXPLAINS COL. HALL'S CONDITION COMPLETELY.

HALLUCINATIONS?
YES, SIR. YOU KNOW- INSISTING SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT DIDN'T. SAYING HE SAW YOU WHEN YOU WEREN'T THERE. WHY, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT, SIR, LAST NIGHT HE WAS INSISTING HE SAW YOU SALUTING HIM BEFORE YOU GOT IN YOUR JEEP.

WHAT'S THAT? I DON'T RIDE A JEEP, AND LAST NIGHT I DIDN'T STEP OUT OF MY OFFICE! I COULD SWEAR I NEVER SAW THE COLONEL.
OF COURSE, SIR, I KNOW. I WAS WITH HIM. THERE WAS NOBODY THERE AT THE TIME.

SGT. BILKO, I'M AFRAID THIS IS SERIOUS! I'D BETTER SEE THE COLONEL AT ONCE.
OH, PLEASE, SIR. NOT THAT WAY. I PROMISED I'D KEEP HIS SECRET FOR THE SAKE OF HIS COMMAND, SIR-- YOU KNOW, THE REPLACEMENT?

I'M SORRY, SGT. BILKO. I'LL HAVE TO TAKE THIS OUT OF YOUR HANDS. IT'S MY DUTY AS AN OFFICER TO
PLEASE, MAJOR, JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME. I'LL TRY TO SUGGEST THAT HE DROP IN ON YOU FOR A FRIENDLY VISIT-- THEN YOU MIGHT TELL HIM. IT WOULD BE LESS PAINFUL THAT WAY, SIR!
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BILKO, TOO BAD THERE AREN'T MORE MEN LIKE YOU IN THE ARMY.' COL. HALL WOULD BE HAPPY TO KNOW OF YOUR LOVE AND DEVOTION.' AND BY THE WAY - WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THAT DOCTOR AGAIN?
DR SHTERNVASSER S R OMENS RAPIDANS I BELIEVE IT'S CALLED, SIR. BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND IT IN YOUR LATEST MEDICAL JOURNALS.'

OKAY ERNIE NOW WHAT
RIGHT HERE, SARGE. RIGHT OFF THE COLONEL'S WALL!
GOOD, NOW TAKE THIS PICTURE OF GENERAL GRANT AND PUT IT UP WHERE THE MIRROR WAS!
BUT SARGE WE ALREADY CLEANED THE COLONEL'S WINDOWS FROM THE OUTSIDE!
FINE, THIS TIME DO IT FROM THE INSIDE. THAT'LL GIVE YOU AN EXCUSE TO PLANT THE PICTURE.
MEANWHILE...
NOW DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING TODAY, ERNIE. FOR IF ANYTHING EVER HAPPENED!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I FEEL FINE... NOTHING WRONG WITH ME.
A-HEM! AND NOTHING WRONG WITH MY VISION TODAY

GLORIOUS MORNING! GOOD TO GET BACK TO WORK
AHA! FEEL GREAT TODAY. GUESS I'M OVER IT ALL RIGHT!
THUMP! THUMP!
HAD ME WORRIED FOR A WHILE! THOUGHT THAT I'D NEVER GET TO WEAR THIS STAR!
WONDER HOW I'D LOOK AS GENERAL HALL TODAY.. HEH-HEH!
LL GO LOOK N THE MRROR!
HUH? THAT'S ODD! I DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO GET IN FOCUS!
GOOD HEAVENS! IT'S COME BACK! I MUST BE LOSING MY MIND! WHY, I THINK I'M GENERAL GRANT!!
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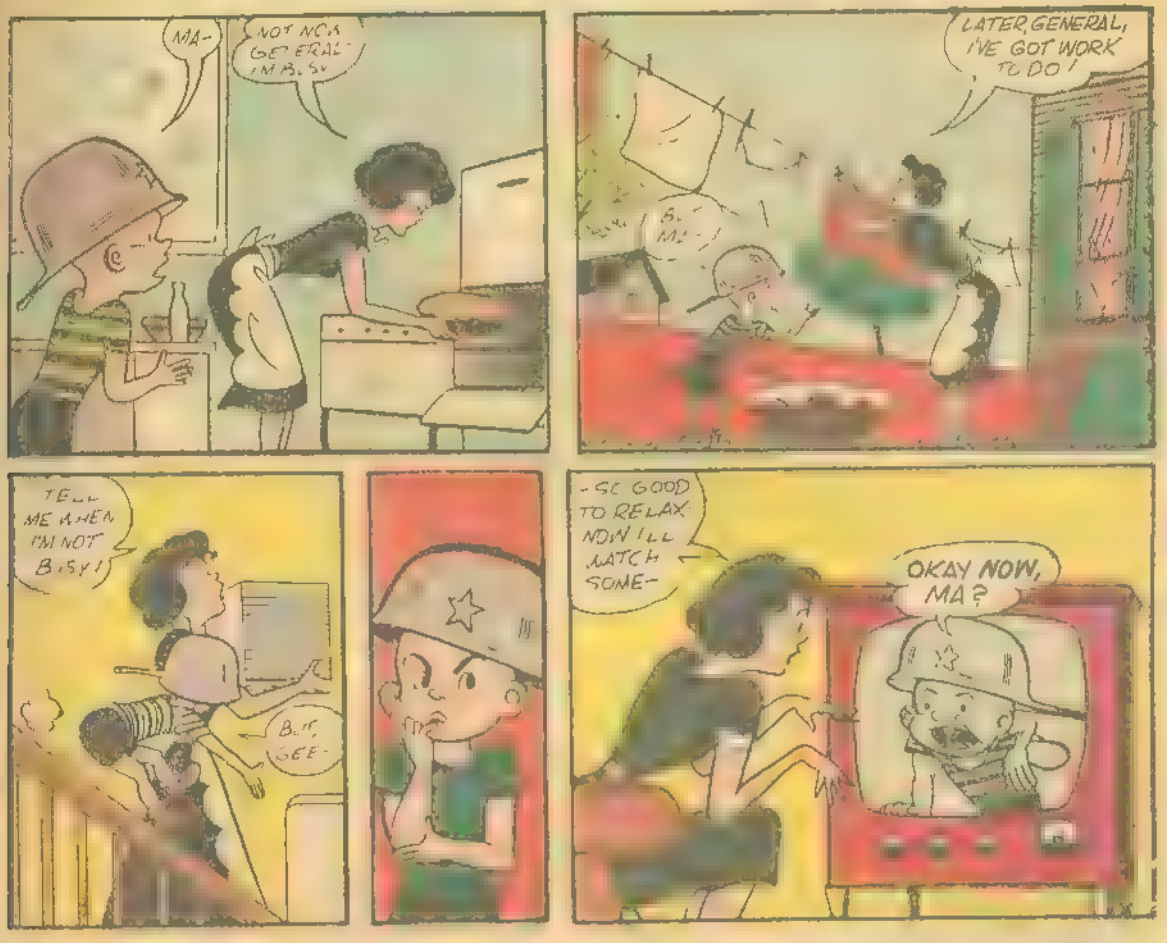
GENERAL LITTLE


MA-
NOT NOW, GENERAL! I'M BUSY
LATER, GENERAL, I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
TELL ME WHEN I'M NOT BUSY!
BUT, GEE-
-SO GOOD TO RELAX NOW I'LL WATCH SOME-
OKAY NOW, MA?

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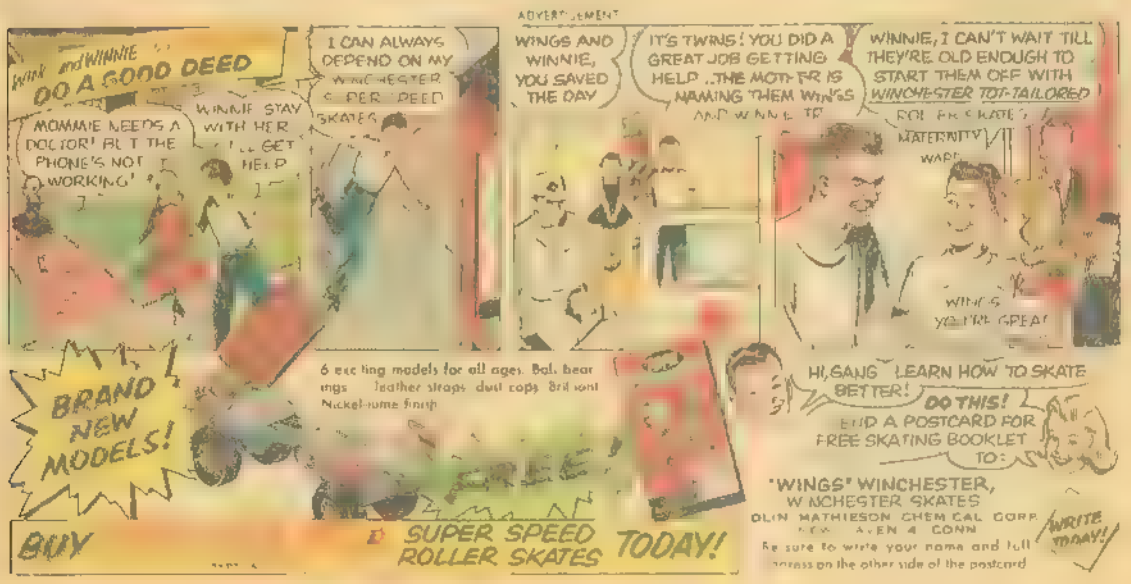
Wink and WINNIE DO A GOOD DEED
MOMMIE NEEDS A DOCTOR! BUT THE PHONE'S NOT WORKING!
WINNIE STAY WITH HER I'LL GET HELP
I CAN ALWAYS DEPEND ON MY WINCHESTER SUPER SPEED SKATES
WINGS AND WINNIE, YOU SAVED THE DAY
IT'S TWINS! YOU DID A GREAT JOB GETTING HELP ..THE MOTHER IS NAMING THEM WINGS AND WINNIE, TOO
WINNIE, I CAN'T WAIT TILL THEY'RE OLD ENOUGH TO START THEM OFF WITH WINCHESTER TOT-TAILORED
FOR FREE SKATES
MATERNITY WARD
WINGS YOU'RE GREAT
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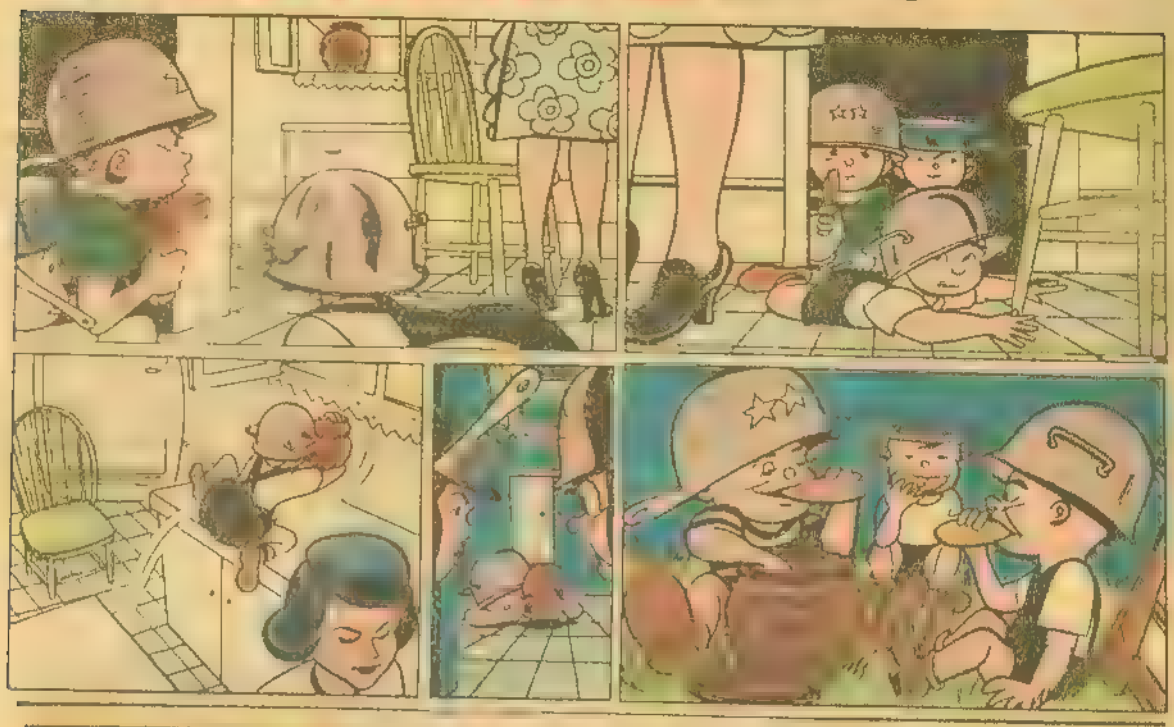

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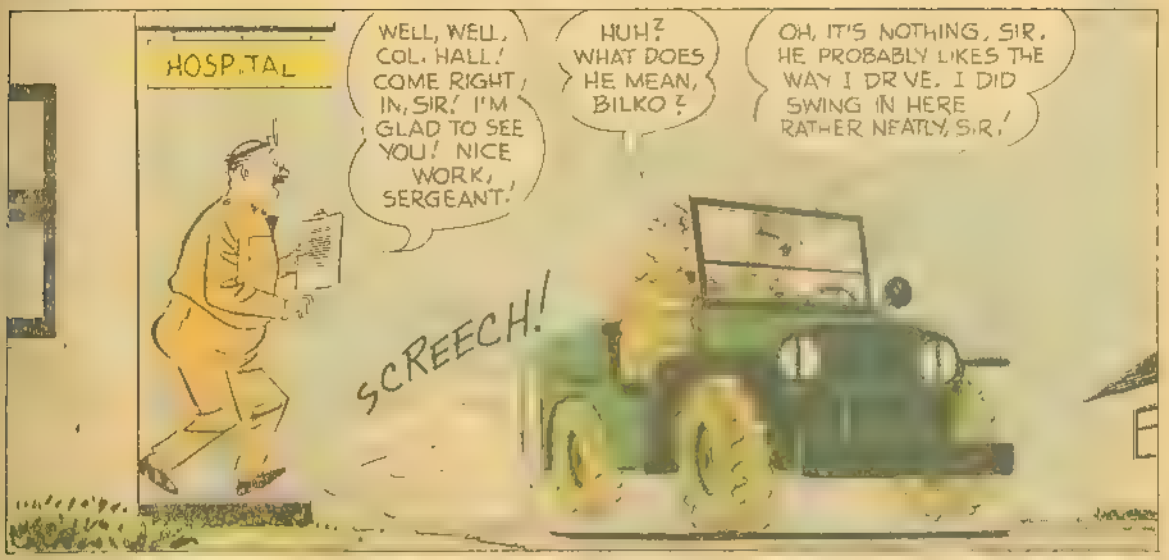
PUFF-PUFF! HOPE I CAN GET THERE IN TIME!
HERE HE COMES, R GHT ON THE DOT!
COME ALONG, S R. I'LL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU A _FT TO THE HOSPITAL, S R!
HUH? BILKO. THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE HERE!
BUT-! DON'T UNDERSTAND-HOW D D YOU KNOW WHERE I WAS GO NG? I MEAN. ABOUT THE HOSPITAL?
S R IF WE WHO LOVINGLY SERVED UNDER YOU COULDN'T INTERPRET YOUR EVERY MOOD, IN SICKNESS OR IN HEALTH, WE WOULD BE VERY POOR SOLDIERS, INDEED!
HAS T C ME BACK S R? YOU KNOW--
YES YO WERE R GHT, T COMES AND GOES, FRIGHTENING!
NO BE A GOOD SOLDIER, BILKO, AND A FR ND. M SORRY I WAS SO MEAN TO YOU ABOUT THAT DANCE! IF I HAD THAT DECISION TO MAKE OVER AGA N
YES, COLONEL--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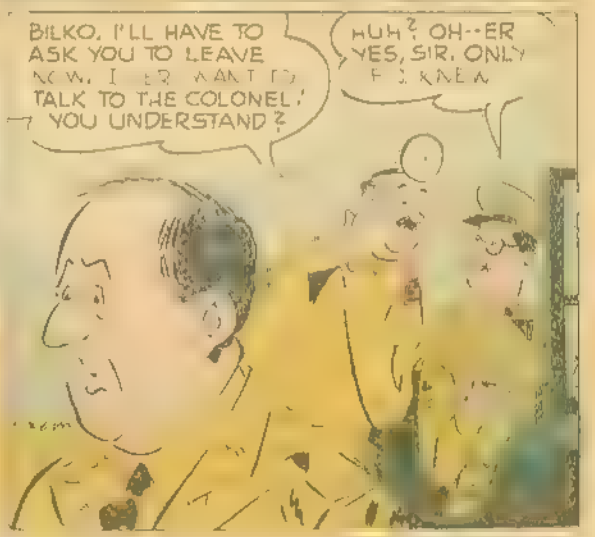
WELL, WELL, COL. HALL! COME RIGHT IN, SIR! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU! NICE WORK, SERGEANT!
HUH? WHAT DOES HE MEAN, BILKO?
OH, IT'S NOTHING, SIR. HE PROBABLY LIKES THE WAY I DRIVE. I DID SWING IN HERE RATHER NEATLY, SIR!
SCREECH!

OH, COLONEL, BY THE WAY-- WHAT ABOUT THE DANCE, SIR. YOU KNOW, YOU WERE SAYING IF YOU HAD THE DECISION TO MAKE OVER AGAIN--?
HUH? WHAT? WHAT DANCE?


BILKO, I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE NOW. I--ER--WANT TO TALK TO THE COLONEL, YOU UNDERSTAND?
HUH? OH--ER YES, SIR. ONLY I--I KNEW

THERE THERE. DON'T WORRY--YOU'RE GONE ALL YOU COULD. I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE YOUR LEADER. BUT NOW YOU MUST WAIT IT OUT. I'LL LET YOU KNOW THE RESULTS AS SOON AS I FINISH EXAMINING THE COLONEL.
I MEANT--IF I KNEW--ABOUT THE DANCE

I KNOW I'VE GOT IT, DOCTOR! YOU DON'T HAVE TO MINCE WORDS WITH ME. TELL ME THE WORST.
NOW, NOW, COLONEL-- TAKE IT EASY, SIR. JUST STEP INSIDE-

NOW, THEN, COLONEL, IF YOU'LL JUST RELAX--
RELAX WITH WHAT I'VE GOT? YOU CAN'T FOOL ME, MAJOR! I KNOW YOU SAW ME YESTERDAY FROM YOUR JEEP!
MY JEEP?
OH-OH! THE HALLUCINATION!
GUESS YOU DIDN'T THINK I SAW YOU, EH? HEH, HEH! I WANT YOU TO KNOW I SEE LIKE AN EAGLE! THAT'S RIGHT AN EAGLE! A BLIND EAGLE!
ER-- CALM YOURSELF, COLONEL. I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
GO AHEAD! TAKE YOUR TIME! I'LL BE HERE FOR DAYS-- WEEKS-- MONTHS MAYBE-- (GROAN!)
NURSE, DID YOU FIND ANYTHING?
NO, SIR. I'VE CHECKED ALL THE MEDICAL JOURNALS WE HAVE! THERE'S NOTHING AT ALL ABOUT OMEN'S RAPIDANS!
FINE HOSPITAL WE'RE RUNNING HERE! WHEN A SERGEANT IN THE MOTOR POOL KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT AND WE-- GET ME DR. SHTERNVASSER ON THE PHONE!
DR SHTERNVASSER?
WHERE CAN I FIND HIM, MAJOR?
I DON'T KNOW. TRY VIENNA! ZURICH! THE RIVIERA! WHO KNOWS WHERE THOSE BIG SHOT DOCTORS HANG OUT!
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MEANWHILE...
WELL, ERNIE-- HOW DOES IT LOOK?
WON'T BE LONG NOW. GOT THE OLD MAN AT THE HOSPITAL NOW. MAJOR HAWTHORNE'S LOOKING HIM OVER.
AND IF I DON'T MISS MY GUESS HE'LL BE PUTTING IN FOR A LONG VACATION SOON. THE DANCE IS AS GOOD AS ON.
BOY, SARGE, I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU. YOU'RE A REGULAR MASTER MIND
YOU MEAN THE SUPERSTITION STUFF REALLY WORKED, SARGE?
THAT'S RIGHT DOBERMAN. AND WE OWE IT ALL TO YOU.
MEANWHILE, AT THE HOSPITAL..
WELL MAJOR? HAVEN'T YOU FINISHED YOUR EXAMINATION YET?
ER- NOT COMPLETELY COLONEL.. JUST A MOMENT--I HAVE TO CHECK SOMETHING
AGAIN?
ANYTHING YET, NURSE? DID YOU CONTACT DR. SHTERNVASSER?
YES, MAJOR, BUT HE WAS TOO BUSY TO TALK. HE'S TREATING A PALEFT A VERY SICK HORSE... AND AFTER THAT, SOME SHEEP. YOUR CASE WILL HAVE TO WAIT-- UNLESS IT'S HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE--
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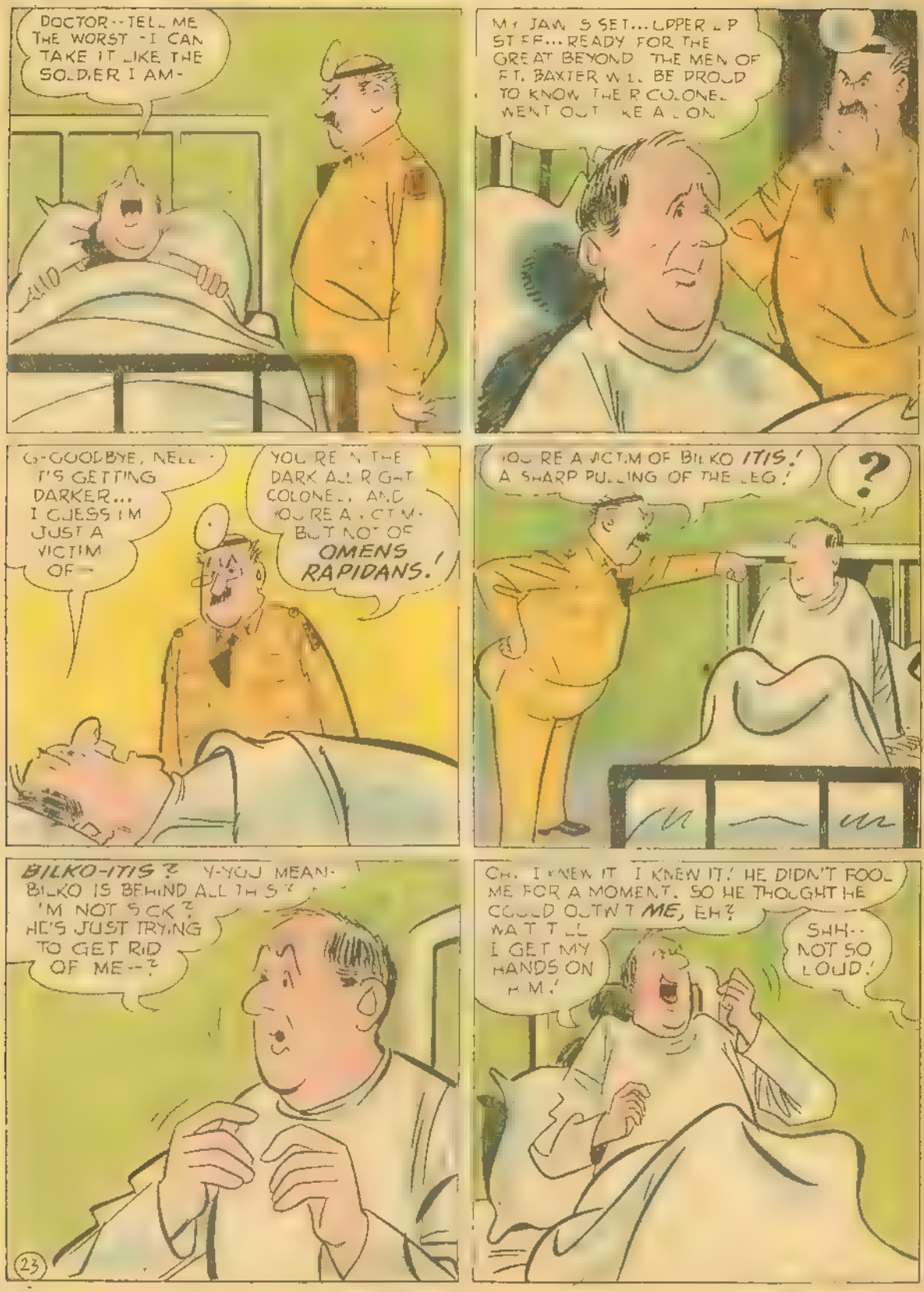
DOCTOR--TELL ME THE WORST -I CAN TAKE IT LIKE THE SOLDIER I AM-
MY JAW S SET...UPPER LIP STIFF...READY FOR THE GREAT BEYOND THE MEN OF FT. BAXTER WILL BE PROUD TO KNOW THEIR COLONEL WENT OUT HE A LION
G-GOODBYE, NELL - IT'S GETTING DARKER... I GUESS I'M JUST A VICTIM OF--
YOU'RE IN THE DARK ALRIGHT COLONEL, AND YOU'RE A VICTIM- BUT NOT OF OMENS RAPIDANS.!
YOU'RE A VICTIM OF BILKO ITIS.! A SHARP PULLING OF THE LEG!
?
BILKO-ITIS ? Y-YOU MEAN- BILKO IS BEHIND ALL THIS ? I'M NOT SICK ! HE'S JUST TRYING TO GET RID OF ME--?
OH. I KNEW IT I KNEW IT! HE DIDN'T FOOL ME FOR A MOMENT. SO HE THOUGHT HE COULD OUTWIT ME, EH? WAIT TILL I GET MY HANDS ON HIM!
SHH-- NOT SO LOUD!

AFTER ALL, WE CAN SCARCELY AFFORD TO LET A HOAX LIKE THIS CIRCULATE AROUND THE POST.
OF COURSE, AS A MEDICAL MAN, HEH-HEH, I WASN'T TAKEN IN EITHER BY THIS PHONEY DISEASE.
OH, DOCTOR, MAY I SEE YOU--?
OH DOCTOR, I'M SO THRILLED! I READ YOUR PAPER ON "DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF SHTERNVASSER'S OMENS RAPIDANS." IT'LL MAKE MEDICAL HISTORY!
SHALL I SEND IT TO THE MEDICAL JOURNAL OR THE SURGEON GENERAL?
NO.
ER--CONFIDENT ALLY, IT'S A CLASSIFIED REPORT. FORGET YOU EVER SAW IT. IT'S TOP DRAWER SECRET! PUT IT IN THE TOP DRAWER--I'LL BURN IT LATER!
MAJOR HANTHORNE I'VE GOT IT!
?
MAJOR I'VE GOT THE GOT A PLAN TO GET EVEN WITH BILKO. LISTEN PST-PST-BZZZ-BZZZ...
HM... HEH-HEH-- HA-HA-HA! I'M WAY AHEAD OF YOU COLONEL.
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SHORTLY...
AH, THE OLD MAN MUST VE SOFTENED UP AND OKAYED THE DANCE. THE BOYS ARE PUTTING UP THE SIGNS
YES, SOLDERS- YOUR OLD SERGEANT FIXED IT SO WE'LL ALL HAVE A MAD, MAD BALL... A FABULOUS FROLIC --
HUH?
QUARANTINED
OMENS RA
ALL MEN CONFINED TO BARRACKS
WHAT'S THIS?
COLONELS ORDERS SARGE HE SAYS WE'RE ALL SICK
NO DANCE..
THAT MEANS YOU GOTTA GIVE OUR MONEY BACK
ED!
ANS
HUSH! WHAT KIND OF SUBVERSIVE TALK IS THAT? JUST HAVE PATIENCE I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING
GEE, SARGE, IF WE COULD ONLY USE VOODOO--
SNAP!
VOODOO! THAT'S IT!
ALL RIGHT, MEN! GET ME 20 BROOMS, RAGS, CARDBOARD BLACK AND RED PAINT ON THE DOUBLE
HI-YA-HUP-HUP!
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THAT EVENING...
SOME DANCE!
PHOOEY!
CONCENTRATE, MEN! IT'S ALL IN THE POWER OF THE MIND! VOODOO CAN MAKE YOUR WISH COME TRUE. THINK HARD ENOUGH AND THAT OLD BROOM'LL BECOME A BEAUTIFUL WAC!
THAT OLD BLACK MAGIC...
LOOK, SARGE, AIN'T MY DATE CUTE?
DUANE, YOU LUCKY SCAMP! YOU DO THINK HARD, DON'T YOU!?
IT WAS A DIRTY TRICK TO PLAY ON THE WACS, BUT-- HUH?
LOOK, COLONEL! THE WAC'S RECREATION HALL! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE DANCING!
ISN'T IT SILLY? I HAVE THE FEELING SOMEONE'S WALTZING ME AROUND THE ROOM!
WHAT'S SILLY? I'M DOING THE CHARLESTON!
OUCH! I FEEL LIKE SOMEBODY'S BEEN STEPPING ON MY TOES-- AND THE WEIGHT OF IT FEELS LIKE DOBERMAN!
? ?
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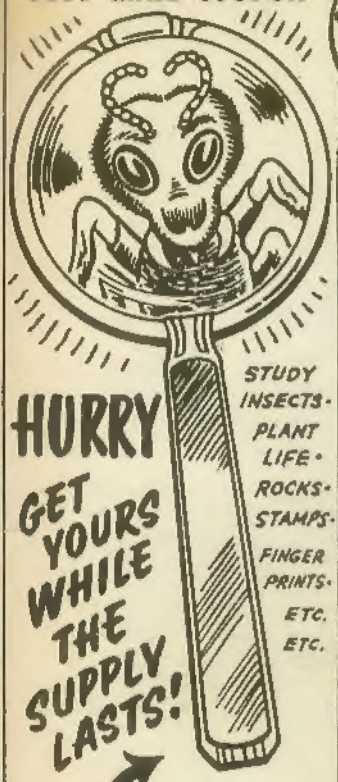

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